GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1468
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CORRUPTION BY DDA EMPLOYEES OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item, appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated September 9, 2000 regarding the involvement of employees and high officials of DDA in corruption;

(b): if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c): whether CBI is conducting enquiries and have raided the premises of DDA in this regard;

(d): if so, the details thereof till date, case-wise;

(e): whether DDA officials have sold the land to some individual parties which was earlier allotted to Khadi Village and Industry Commission;

(f): if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; (g): the action taken against the DDA employees/officials found involved in corruption; and (h): the steps taken by the Government to tone up the working of the DDA and make it immune from the corrupt practices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(d): The Government are aware of the Press report in question. According to the information provided by DDA ,a preliminary inquiry was conducted into reports/complaints of .PA
irregularities in the restoration/allotment of flats, which prima facie revealed that serious irregularities had been committed in some cases of restoration/allotment of SFS flats, and also in respect of refunds in some cases. On the basis of the preliminary inquiry, 8 DDA officials were placed under suspension on 28.9.2000 and all these cases have since been handed over to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police for further investigation.

In connection with similar complaints, the CBI also conducted raids at the residences and offices of 9 DDA officials and 4 property dealers on 10.11.2000, and recommended suspension of all the 9 DDA officials. This included 3 officials placed under suspension earlier. The remaining 6 officials have also since been placed under suspension. The case is being investigated by CBI.

(e)to(g): According to information made available by DDA ,a plot measuring 2 acres was allotted and handed over to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on 24.9.1976.In 1983 KVIC reported that there was encroachment on the land by jhuggis. Since, KVIC happened to be a Public Organisation, DDA agreed to help the KVIC in removing the encroachment from the land on payment of cost of relocation. However, jhuggis dwellers took the matter to the Court and obtained a stay order against removal of the encroachment. DDA has not sold the plot to any private person at any point of time.

(h): The Government has been consistently emphasizing the need to step up action against corruption through both preventive and enforcement measures aimed at reducing the scope for corruption; bringing in greater transparency and accountability; focused attention to sensitive areas such as property related matters, illegal and unauthorised constructions and encroachments, etc.; and, effective action against those found guilty of mal-practices. In this context measures have been taken in DDA for strengthening the Management Information System and issue of allotment/possession letters; streamlining of procedures for restoration/allotment of flats; computerisation including use of computers in draws of lots; organisation of bi-weekly Public Hearings by officers of the Director`s level and above, etc.